

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 21, 22-26, and 29-32 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

establishing a communication session between a user equipment associated with a first access network and a node of a communication system via a second network and at least one entity of said communication system between said user equipment and said node;

putting the session on hold;

reserving resources for said session while said session is on hold; and

resuming said session with a message from said user equipment by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within the second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

determining if charging information is provided during the establishment of said session and carrying out the putting of the session on hold to the resuming of said session only when it has been determined that the charging information has not been provided.

3. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

modifying an existing communication session between user equipment associated with a first access network and a node of a communication system via a second network and at least one entity of said communication system between said user equipment and said node;

putting the session on hold;

reserving resources for the modified session while said session is on hold; and

resuming said session with a message from said user equipment by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within the second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 3, further comprising determining if charging information is provided during the modifying of said session and carrying out the putting of the session on hold to the resuming of said session only when it has been determined that the charging information has not been provided

5. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the establishing of said session comprises using Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) for said session.

6. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the establishing of said session comprises operating at least part of said communication

system in accordance with Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS) standard.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising configuring said charging identifier to comprise at least a general packet radio service charging identifier (GCID).

9. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed claim 1, wherein the distributing of the access network charging identifier comprises distributing the access network charging identifier provided in a charging vector.

10. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the distributing of the access network charging identifier comprises distributing the charging identifier in a charging vector, wherein said charging vector comprises a P-charging-vector.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the establishing step comprises establishing a session wherein said at least one entity comprises a gateway general packet radio service support node (GGSN).

12. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the establishing of said session comprises establishing a session wherein said at least one entity comprises a proxy call session control function (P-CSCF).

13. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the establishing of said session comprises establishing a session wherein said at least one entity comprises a policy decision function (PDF) function.

14. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the establishing of said session comprises establishing a session wherein said at least one entity comprises a proxy call session control function (P-CSCF), the method further comprising sending the charging identifier from the GGSN to the P-CSCF.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the establishing of said session comprises establishing a session wherein said at least one entity comprises a policy decision function (PDF) function, the method further comprising sending the charging identifier from the GGSN to the PDF.

16. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the establishing of said session comprises establishing a session wherein said charging

identifier is sent from the GGSN to the P-CSCF in a common open policy service (COPS) message.

17. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the establishing of said session comprises establishing a session wherein said charging identifier is sent from the GGSN to the PDF in a common open policy service (COPS) message.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the establishing of said session comprises establishing a session wherein said node comprises a user agent server.

19. (Previously Presented) The method claim as claimed in claim 5, wherein the establishing of said session comprises establishing a session wherein said charging identifier is sent in an INVITE message.

20. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the establishing of said session comprises establishing a session wherein said node comprises user equipment.

21. (Currently Amended) A communication system, said system comprising:

a user equipment associated with a first access network, wherein the communication system is configured to support a communication session of said user equipment; and

at least one entity between said user equipment and a node with which the user equipment is arranged to establish a session via a second network, the system being configured to establish said session between the user equipment and the node via said at least one entity, at least one of said node and said user equipment being configured to put the session on hold, at least one of said node and said user equipment being configured to reserve resources for said session while said session is on hold, at least one of said node and said user equipment being configured to resume said session with a message from said user equipment by which at least one entity distributes an access network charging identifier within the second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

22. (Currently Amended) A communication system, said system comprising:

a user equipment associated with a first access network, wherein the communication system is configured to support a communication session of said user equipment; and

at least one entity between said user equipment and a node with which the user equipment is configured to establish a session via a second network, the system being configured to modify a session between the user equipment and the node via said at least

one entity, at least one of said node and said user equipment being configured to put the session on hold, at least one of said node and said user equipment being configured to reserving resources for said modified session while said session is on hold, at least one of said node and said user equipment being configured to resume said session with a message from said user equipment by which at least one entity distributes an access network charging identifier within the second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

23. (Currently Amended) A communication system, the system comprising:

at least one entity means between user equipment associated with a first access network and a node with which the user equipment is configured to establish a session via a second network;

establishing means for establishing said session between the user equipment and the node via said at least one entity means;

placement means for putting the session on hold;

reserving means for reserving resources for said session while said session is on hold; and

resuming means for resuming said session with a message from said user equipment by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within said second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

24. (Currently Amended) A communication system, the system comprising:

at least one entity means between user equipment associated with a first access network and a node with which the user equipment is configured to establish a session via a second network;

modifying means for modifying an existing session between the user equipment and the node via said at least one entity;

placement means for putting the session on hold;

first reserving means for reserving resources for the modified session while said session is on hold;

second reserving means for reserving resources for the modified session while said session is on hold; and

resuming means for resuming said session with a message from said user equipment by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within said second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

25. (Currently Amended) A network apparatus, comprising:

a network element configured to establish a communication session with a node via a first access network and a second network, said network element is further configured to put said session on hold, to reserve resources for said session while said session is on hold, and to resume said session with a message from said user equipment

by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within the second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

26. (Currently Amended) A network apparatus, comprising:

a network element configured to modify a communication session with a node via a first access network and a second network, said network element is further configured to put the session on hold, to reserve resources for modifying said session while said session is on hold, and to resume said session with a message from said user equipment by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within said second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

27. (Previously Presented) A network apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the network element is a user equipment.

28. (Previously Presented) A network apparatus according to claim 26, wherein the network element is a user equipment.

29. (Currently Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for supporting a communication session of user equipment associated with a first access network, wherein said communication system comprises at least one entity between said user equipment and a node with which the user equipment is arranged

to establish a session via a second network, the computer program being configured to perform:

- establishing said session between the user equipment and the node via said at least one entity;

- putting the session on hold;

- reserving resources for the modified session while said session is on hold; and

- resuming said session with a message from said user equipment by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within the second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

30. (Currently Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for supporting a communication session of user equipment associated with a first access network, wherein said communication system comprises at least one entity between said user equipment and a node with which the user equipment is arranged to establish a session via a second network, the computer program being configured to perform:

- modifying an existing session between the user equipment and the node via said at least one entity;

- putting the session on hold;

- reserving resources for the modified session while said session is on hold; and

resuming said session with a message from said user equipment by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within the second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

31. (Currently Amended) A network element for establishing a communication session with a node via a first access network and a second network, said network element comprising:

means for putting said session on hold;

means for reserving resources for said session while said session is on hold; and

means for resuming said session with a message from said user equipment by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within the second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.

32. (Currently Amended) A network element for modifying a communication session with a node via a first access network and a second network, said network element comprising:

means for putting the session on hold;

means for reserving resources for modifying said session while said session is on hold; and

means for resuming said session with a message from said user equipment by which an access network charging identifier is distributed within said second network, wherein the first access network is different from the second network.